project in time. The Council has informed that they have reconstituted their Advisory Committee which is meeting shortly for a review for the speedy completion of the project.

**Widening of National Highway No. 1**

*40. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of the G. T. Road (National Highway No. 1) that has already been widened to four lanes; and

(b) the length expected to be further widened in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 82 kms.

(b) 111 kms.

**Rail travel concessions for handicapped**

169. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced more rail travel concessions for the handicapped; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The following concessions were given to handicapped persons with effect from 1-1-1987.

(i) *Orthopaedically handicapped persons*: 50 per cent concession in first and second class Monthly Season ticket fares has been given to Orthopaedically Handicapped persons who cannot travel without escorts. One escort with every such person is also eligible for the same concession. These persons were already eligible for 75 per cent concession in first and second class single journey ticket fares.

(ii) *Mentally Retarded persons*: 75 per cent concession in single journey ticket fares and 50 per cent concession in Monthly Season ticket fares in first and second classes have been given to Mentally Retarded persons who cannot travel without escorts. One escort with every such person is also eligible for the same concession.

**Profit/loss account of Air India and Indian Airlines**

170. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the profit/loss account of Air India and Indian Airlines during the last financial year, separately; and

(b) the profits likely to be earned by these airlines during the current financial year, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

| | Net profit during the last financial year (1985-86) | Budgeted profit during the current financial year (1986-87) |
|---|---|---|
| Air India | 66.00 (Includes Rs. 17.79 crores being written back value of depreciation on lost 747 aircraft Kanishka) | 22.05 |
| Indian Airlines | 63.22 | 63.25 |